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To: Chief, FBIB,

From: Chief, London Bureau, FBIS.

SUBJECT: Report of activities of London Bureau covering month  
ending 20 December 1947.

## I. Implementation of recently proposed plans and policies.

Commencing 24 November the report section of the London Bureau began the regular preparation five days weekly of a special report on European reaction to the London Conference of Foreign Ministers. This special report was circulated to a restricted list, prepared by Mr. Charles E. Bohlen, Counsellor of the Department of State, of members of the U.S. delegation. Besides Mr. Bohlen, recipients included Secretary Marshall, Ambassadors Murphy, Smith and Douglas, General Clay and Mr. John Foster Dulles. The report was also teleprinted to Washington.

Also during the London meeting of the CFM special periodic reports were prepared for the above-mentioned members of the U.S. delegation on internal events in France and Italy.

Another recently proposed plan implemented during the month under review concerned the apportionment of coverage of Greek transmitters between the London and [ ] of FBIS. As the Voice of the Greek Democratic Army is of sufficient signal strength to enable it to be regularly monitored in [ ] this transmitter will futuramente be covered by London. The [ ] will continue to cover Athens radio.

## II. Accomplishment of overall mission, including firmly established individual objectives.

The vast amount of attention devoted by European transmitters to the London sessions of the CFM, plus the internal crises in both France and Italy, resulted in an upward surge in the amount of daily material cabled from [ ] to Washington. Statistics compiled by the Communications Section of this outpost reflect the increased volume of traffic. During the month 16 November-15 December a total of 924,689 words of [ ] - originated material was filed. Of this 8,149 words were sent via Western Union and the remaining 916,540 words by means of Army Signal Corps facilities. In addition, the Communications Section relayed to Washington 183,408 words of material from the [ ]

The report section transmitted 41,050 words to each of the following, G-2 EUCOM, G-2 U.S. FORCES AUSTRIA, and OIC, OMGUS (Berlin), as well as 26,920 words to the American Embassy in Paris.

## III. Proposals for improvement.

The opportunity for an exchange of views with the Washington office of CIA was provided by the very beneficial visit to this bureau of Brig-Gen Edwin L. Sibert.

A memorandum was submitted to Gen. Sibert about the difficult transportation situation prevailing for [ ] employees working night shifts. The recommendation was made that this outpost be assigned cars in order to maintain its own transport services.

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